

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS: PANAMANIAN REPORTING PROCE-  
DURES

1. DURING CONVERSATION MAY 12 WITH PANAMANIAN TECHNICAL  
GROUP ON LANDS AND WATERS, PANAMANIAN TEAM MEMBERS MADE  
REFERENCE TO "TAPES" RELATING TO NEGOTIATING SESSIONS IN  
WASHINGTON.

2. EMBASSY OFFICERS EXPRESSED POLITE INTEREST IN THIS, AND  
PANAMANIAN SPECIFIED THAT THE "TAPES" THEY REFERRED TO  
WERE NOT VERBATIM RECORDINGS OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.  
IN FACT, THEY SAID, THIS WAS ONE OF THEIR PROBLEMS--THEY  
WOULD HAVE APPRECIATED HAVING ACTUAL LANGUAGE USED BY US  
TEAM ON LANDS AND WATERS ISSUE.

3. RATHER, PANAMANIAN PARTICIPANTS IN NEGOTIATING SESSIONS  
DICTATED SUMMARY REPORTS OF SESSIONS INTO A TAPE RECORDER  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING EACH SESSION. THESE TAPES WERE  
THEN TRANSMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALEZ-REVILLA HERE

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IN PANAMA, WHERE THEY WERE TRANSCRIBED.

4. PANAMANIAN TECHNICAL TEAM MEMBERS HAD RECEIVED  
ONE TRANSCRIPTION OF A TAPE MADE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY  
AFTERNOON SESSION. THEY DID NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO  
OTHERS, AND IMPRESSION WE GATHER IS THAT THEY HAVE NOT  
RECEIVED THEM.

5. COPIES OF THE TRANSCRIPTIONS, AND TAPES THEMSELVES,  
THEY SAID, WERE SENT BY GONZALEZ-REVILLA TO TORRIJOS.  
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